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SUBJECT: FRENCH SEIZURE OF PROTEST SHIP GREENPEACE

1. EXTAFF FRANCE DESK OFFICER INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOC CALLED IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR AUG 21 TO DELIVER VERBAL PROTEST OVER THE ALLEGED SEIZURE BY FRENCH SAILORS OF THE CANADIAN (PRIVATE) PROTEST SHIP GREENPEACE. THE GREENPEACE, WHICH GAINED ITS INITIAL FAME BY PROTESTING THE U.S. NUCLEAR TEST AT AMCHITKA, HAD SAILED TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC TO PROTEST FRANCE'S NUCLEAR TEST PROGRAM. THE GREENPEACE WAS ALLEGEDLY SEIZED BY FRENCH NAVY WHILE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS NEAR THE TEST SITE. GREENPEACE CAPTAIN AND PROTEST ORGANIZER DAVID MCTAGGART WAS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM HIS SHIP AND BEATEN BY FRENCH SAILORS. BRITISH COLUMBIA PREMIER DAVID BARRETT HAD CABLED PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AUG 20 WITH APPEAL THAT INCIDENT BE INVESTIGATED.

2. GOC PROTEST INCLUDED STRONG OBJECTION TO MANNER IN WHICH FRENCH AUTHORITIES REMOVED GREENPEACE FROM FRENCH "SECURITY ZONE." GOC ALSO PROTESTED VIOLATION
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